

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parent/ carer

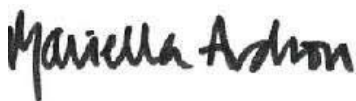
I know that many of you will join me in the great sadness that our Academy community feels at the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, last Thursday. As a community we have prayed for her and the Royal Family and acknowledged the incredible life of public service she gave. In fact, the slides used in the students' Coaching Time on Friday drew parallels with one of our own core Academy values - that of Servant Leadership.

Assemblies this week will focus on the life of the Queen and help our students learn more about the Queen's life. This is a moment in history and one that our young people will remember in years to come. You will of course know that Monday 19th September, the day of the funeral is a bank holiday and therefore the Academy will be closed, reopening at the normal time of 8.35am on Tuesday 20th September. There are no other planned Academy closures. Please note that no work or virtual lessons will be set next Monday.

Whilst none of us knew the Queen personally, the death of anyone, and especially of someone who was such an important figurehead, can trigger difficult memories of loss for our young people. We are fortunate to have an excellent pastoral system at the Academy, including many adults that students can confide in or speak with to seek reassurance and comfort. Our Chaplain is also available to support, comfort and counsel students.

If you would like to leave a note of condolence, I have included the [link](#) to the Church of England's online Book of Condolence. We are also inviting students to leave a note on our Academy's virtual Condolence Book.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. Ardron  
Principal